- 19 If the republic is going to insist that we get some
- 20 kind of permission from the Depository Trust Company and from
- 21 the so-called participants, then that could be done at some
- 22 stage. I don't think that the republic and Cleary Gottlieb
- 23 will really end up wanting to do that. If they insist on that,
- 24 I will have to consider who will pay the cost of having that
- 25 done.

- The other problem I think is the problem of Mr.
- 2 Gleizer's, the Macrotecnic. We had better get to that.
- 3 MR. BOCCUZZI: Your Honor, just as a housekeeping
- 4 matter, there was one other motion, I think it just needs to be
- 5 put on the record, that we had made. That involved Franceschi.
- 6 After we had made our initial opposition to summary
- 7 judgment because of the proof issues, there was more
- 8 information provided in the next wave by plaintiffs of who
- 9 bought when and the like. That led us, the republic, to want
- 10 to amend the answer to assert and I know your Honor has
- 11 dismissed the affirmative defense in the past, but it is very
- 12 fact-intensive -- to assert the affirmative defense of
- 13 champerty, because some of these plaintiffs we learned in
- 14 subsequent evidence had bought in 2003 and then sued weeks
- 15 later.
- 16 THE COURT: I certainly want you to have your record.
- 17 The amendment will be permitted. You need to have your record.

- 18 MR. BOCCUZZI: Thank you, your Honor.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Gleizer.
- 20 Before we get to Mr. Gleizer, there is an issue about
- 21 so-called Brady bonds. What is that?
- 22 MR. CHERNOV: Your Honor, certain of the plaintiffs
- 23 whom we represent bought bonds not just under the fiscal agency
- 24 agreement but under other agreements that also provide for
- 25 jurisdiction before this court. Those are euphemistically
- I known as "Brady bonds." There is another set known as "Yankee
- 2 bonds" that certain of the plaintiffs hold.
- 3 THE COURT: Are the instruments the same?
- 4 MR. CHERNOV: They have certain differences in them,
- 5 but for purposes of payment --
- 6 THE COURT: For our purposes.
- 7 MR. CHERNOV: For our purposes, it is exactly the
- 8 same. There is a complete waiver of immunity, a complete
- 9 waiver of jurisdiction.
- 10 THE COURT: Unconditional obligation?
- MR. CHERNOV: Unconditional obligation. All those are
- 12 exactly the same, your Honor.
- 13. MR. BOCCUZZI: They lack the language that your Honor
- 14 referenced in terms of the depository would authorize
- 15 beneficial interest holders to sustain a suit.
- 16 THE COURT: I will grant the motions on all those

17 cases.

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18 Now Mr. Gleizer. Well, I think we had better hear

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- from Cleary Gottlieb first, because Cleary Gottlieb asserts
- that there are no grounds for this.
- 21 MR. BLACKMAN: Actually, your Honor, I think you ought
- to really hear from counsel for the trustee and Correo, Ms.
- 23 Bolatti. We put in papers, but she in fact does represent the
- person who does own this account, not the republic. I am happy
- to speak to some of the other legal issues.

- 1 THE COURT: I will certainly do that.
- 2 MR. GLEIZER: I apologize, your Honor. Does Mr.
- 3 Dreier have an interest in this?
- 4 THE COURT: I am not trying to exclude anybody.
- 5 Please. I just used you as a shorthand.
- 6 MR. GLEIZER: But they are not in my motion.
- 7 THE COURT: What is your problem?
- 8 MR. GLEIZER: I don't know. They are sitting here.
- 9 THE COURT: There is plenty of room. There are four
- 10 empty seats at the front table.
- .11 MR. GLEIZER: Also, your Honor, they are trying to use
- 12 the work paid by my clients to obtain this, and they have done
- 13 no work, and they are trying to take credit and get the money
- 14 from my clients. They are not in this motion.
- 15 THE COURT: Maybe this will all be academic when we

- 16 get into the depth of the problem.
- 17 Your name, ma'am?
- MS. BOLATTI: My name is Silvia Bolatti.
- 19 THE COURT: All right. You gave me a letter March
- 20 3rd.
- 21 MS. BOLATTI: I did, your Honor. Let me start by
- 22 saying that I represent Correo Argentino, who is the owner of
- 23 the accounts that have been restrained in New York. I also
- 24 represent --
- THE COURT: Has an account or have accounts been 35
- 1 restrained?
- 2 MS. BOLATTI: Yes, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Where are then restrained?
- 4 MS. BOLATTI: We are taking about the B&P bearer bond
- 5 account in New York and the Lehman account in Argentina. This
- 6 court has granted the plaintiffs in this case, Mr. Gleizer, an
- 7 ex parte permission to serve restraining orders on those
- 8 accounts. That occurred on February 13, 2004, your Honor.
- 9 That was granted based on the representations made by Mr.
- 10 Gleizer regarding the meaning of decrees issued by the
- 11 Argentine government and order issued by the Argentine court.
- 12 It is our position, your Honor, that the translations
- 13 that were submitted are inaccurate, they are incomplete, and
- 14 they fail to represent accurately the meaning of these

- 15 documents. The plain language of these documents establishes
- 16 that these accounts are and continue to be the sole ownership
- 17 of Correo Argentino.
- 18 THE COURT: What is Correo?
- 19 MS. BOLATTI: Correo, your Honor, is a concession that
- 20 was created in 1997 by public bid that was won by a private
- 21 company, and it basically runs the post office service in
- 22 Argentina. On November 19 --
- 23 THE COURT: You say it is a private company?
- 24 MS. BOLATTI: It is, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Who owns the company?
- MS. BOLATTI: The company is owned by three major
- 2 stockholders. One is Sedeco Argentina. The other is the
- 3 International Finance Corporation, and I believe Banco Belizia.
- 4 THE COURT: They are not branches of the Argentine
- 5 government?
- 6 MS. BOLATTI: Absolutely not, your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 8 MS. BOLATTI: We believe, your Honor, and we have
- 9 explained in detail in the declaration of legal counsel to the
- 10 trustee of Correo Argentino, Mr. Julio Rivera, that the
- 11 statements submitted by counsel are incorrect and inaccurately
- 12 state that somehow the rescission that the Argentine republic
- 13 has made of this concession to Correo which occurred by a

- 14 presidential decree on November 19, 2003, somehow this decree
- 15 reverted ownership of bank accounts, the bank accounts in New
- 16 York, to the government.

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- 17 Also, Mr. Gleizer makes a representation that in fact
- 18 all of the assets of Correo have reverted to the government.
- 19 We submit, your Honor, this is absolutely false, untrue.
- We have filed this motion this morning with your
- 21 Honor, a motion for excessive cost because of the vexatious
- 22 conduct of counsel. We are ready, your Honor, today to point
- 23 out, if I may just give you a couple of examples of the
- 24 seriousness of the inaccuracies that have been submitted to
- 25 this court which have caused my client to expend fees to appear 37
- 1 here today.
- 2 THE COURT: I think when Mr. Gleizer first came in and
- 3 presented material ex parte to me, he relied on a press report.
- 4 Did you not, Mr. Gleizer?
- 5 MR. GLEIZER: The first time, yes, your Honor. It was
- 6 supplemented by the concession agreement Article 26.
- 7 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.
- 8 MS. BOLATTI: Your Honor, since Mr. Gleizer raises
- 9 Article 26, the first thing I would like to point out to the
- 10 Court is that plaintiff's counsel, on his February 19th
- 11 affidavit to the Court in support of his motion to confirm at
- 12 paragraph 3, states the following: "Concession agreement."

- 13 THE COURT: This is an affidavit?
- MS. BOLATTI: Yes, your Honor. It is his translation
- 15 of Article 26.4 of the concession agreement. It is at Exhibit
- 16 K, I believe, to Dr. Julio Rivera's declaration.
- 17 THE COURT: What does he say?
- 18 MS. BOLATTI: Mr. Gleizer cites paragraph 26.4 and
- 19 says, "The concessionaire must take responsibility for payment
- 20 of all its assets and liabilities and under no circumstances
- 21 may transfer them to the concession grantor."
- Then he concludes, "By Article 26 of the concession
- 23 agreement, the Republic of Argentina gets all of the assets and
- 24 none of the liabilities," implying to your Honor that Correo no
- 25 longer has any assets and the bank accounts in New York are now 38
- 1 the property of the republic.
- 2 But, your Honor, he omits to provide the Court with
- 3 the last portion of the same paragraph 26.4, which says,
- 4 "Concomitantly, the concessionaire will have the right to
- 5 collect all the credits in its favor accrued as of that date,"
- 6 speaking about the date of terms of the concession. This
- 7 means, your Honor, that it is not true that all of the assets
- 8 of Correo have been transferred to the republic. It is not
- 9 true that the bank accounts in New York are the -
- THE COURT: What did happen between the republic and
- 11 Correo? What did happen? What is your version?

- MS. BOLATTI: Your Honor, these are two parties that
- 13 entered into a contract. The republic and Correo entered into
- 14 a contract that was a concession. The government alleges that
- 15 Correo breached the contract, and Correo alleges also that it
- 16 is the government that has breached that contract.
- What happened was that on November 19, 2003, the
- 18 government rescinded the concession, alleging in decree 1075
- 19 that counsel has cited that they are rescinding the concession
- 20 because Correo has failed to comply basically with its end of
- 21 the bargain.
- What happened subsequently, your Honor, was that
- 23 certain assets reverted to the government, certain very
- 24 specific assets, their tangible assets, physical assets, that
- 25 were necessary in order to run the concession, because the
- 1 government has an interest in the continuity of the service
- 2 pending the reprivatization of the concession, your Honor. But
- 3 it is not true that all of the assets were transferred, and it
- 4 is not true that these bank accounts in any way have been
- 5 transferred to the government.
- 6 In fact, the government has made no allegation in any
- 7 of the decrees, in any of the resolutions, it has not taken a
- 8 position in Correo's insolvency proceeding in Argentina that it
- 9 is entitled or claims any ownership interest in these accounts.
- 10 THE COURT: Let me see if I understand. At some point

- in the past the republic gave the concession to Correo to
- 12 handle the mail, right?
- 13 MS. BOLATTI: Yes, your Honor.
- THE COURT: Last fall the government took the position 14
- that it was going to rescind that concession or withdraw that
- concession for various reasons.
- 17 MS. BOLATTI: Correct.
- 18 THE COURT: What you are saying is that certain assets
- 19 of Correo were taken simply to allow the republic to carry on
- 20 the postal service?
- 21 MS. BOLATTI: Yes, your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Such as maybe post offices and equipment
- and that kind of thing, is that what you are telling me? 23
- 24 MS. BOLATTI: That is correct, your Honor. If I may
- 25 just add to that, that when the concession commenced, the
- 1 government gave certain assets to the company that existed with
- 2 the service at that time. The contract says those assets, if
- the concession is rescinded, come back to the government.
- THE COURT: What you are saying is that the government 4
- has not seized all of the assets of Correo?
- 6 MS. BOLATTI: Yes, your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Particularly, the government has not
- seized or appropriated the bank accounts we are talking about.
- MS. BOLATTI: That's correct, your Honor. In

- 10 addition, they have not asserted in any of the decrees that
- 11 have been cited by counsel or in any decree that they are
- 12 entitled to those accounts. There is a very clear provision in
- 13 the concession agreement that says that Correo, upon
- 14 termination of the concession, yes, it is responsible for the
- 15 liabilities that accrued prior to the termination of the
- 16 concession, but it also has the right to continue to receive or
- 17 collect receivables that accrued prior to the date of
- 18 termination of the concession. So it would be illogical and it
- 19 doesn't make any sense to say that it has no assets left. That
- 20 is not the case.
- THE COURT: How long did the concession last?
- MS. BOLATTI: I believe six years, your Honor,
- 23 approximately.
- 24 THE COURT: So Correo did this business for six years?
- 25 MS. BOLATTI: That's right, your Honor.
- 1 THE COURT: Let's assume they earned some money, at
- 2 least they had some cash from their conduct of the business. I
- 3 guess what Mr. Gleizer asserted was that basically somebody had
- 4 appropriated the whole company, correct?
- 5 MS. BOLATTI: That's correct. It is incorrect, but
- 6 that is what he said.
- 7 THE COURT: That is what you say he said.
- 8 MS. BOLATTI: Correct.

- 9 THE COURT: I guess in the history of the world there
- 10 are times that a government has seized a company, right?
- MS. BOLATTI: Yes.
- 12 THE COURT: You are saying that that did not occur
- 13 here.
- 14 MS. BOLATTI: That is correct, your Honor.
- 15 THE COURT: And the company is actually, what, in a
- 16 bankruptcy proceeding?
- MS. BOLATTI: It is in an insolvency proceeding, which
- 18 is called "concorso" in Argentina.
- 19 THE COURT: In Argentina it is an insolvency
- 20 proceeding. It has some assets, right?
- 21 MS. BOLATTI: It has some assets, absolutely, your
- 22 Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: And it has some liabilities?
- 24 MS. BOLATTI: That is correct, your Honor.
- THE COURT: The government of Argentina has not taken 42
- 1 over that whole situation; that situation is being handled in
- 2 the insolvency proceeding in Argentina?
- 3 MS. BOLATTI: Yes, your Honor. There is a bankruptcy
- 4 judge that is handling the issues of the assets and liabilities
- 5 and the claims from creditors. One very important thing to
- 6 point out to the Court, your Honor, is that Correo has appealed
- 7 the decree, the November 19th decree, 1075, that rescinds the

- continue to run this operation in the future.
- 10 THE COURT: Didn't the insolvency judge prepare
- something addressed to this Court?
- 12 MS. BOLATTI: Yes, your Honor, an exhorto, which is a
- communication from his court clarifying (a) that the accounts 13
- are of Correo's ownership and (b) that Correo continues to have
- 15 assets and liabilities that are subject to the oversight and
- 16 the supervision of the estate and of the Argentine bankruptcy
- 17 court.
- 18 THE COURT: I don't see, Mr. Gleizer, how you overcome
- 19 all that.
- 20 MR. GLEIZER: May I, your Honor?
- 21 THE COURT: Yes.
- 22 MR. GLEIZER: Your Honor, there is a concession
- 23 agreement. Unfortunately, to confuse the issues, counsel
- 24 starts by pointing to 26.4. Why not start by point 26.1, which
- 25 is where the Article 26 starts?

- 1 There is a concession agreement that gave to Correo
- 2 Argentino the possibility of exploiting Correo. It says when
- this concession terminates, for any reason, and I quote from
- Exhibit F of Correo Argentino's attorney --
- 5 THE COURT: Rivera's declaration?
- 6 MR. GLEIZER: Yes, your Honor. Excuse me, your Honor.

- 7 He is the attorney for the trustee, not for Correo Argentino.
- 8 THE COURT: Mr. Rivera's declaration?
- 9 MR. GLEIZER: Yes, sir.
- 10 THE COURT: You point to Exhibit F, as in Frank?
- 11 MR. GLEIZER: Exhibit F, yes, your Honor.
- 12 THE COURT: That is the concession agreement?
- 13 MR. GLEIZER: Yes, your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: What part are you now referring to?
- MR. GLEIZER: Article 26.
- 16 THE COURT: I have it.
- MR. GLEIZER: It says that if the concession -- I have
- 18 my own translation which I believe is better, but I am using
- 19 the opposition's translation here. It says if the concession
- 20 is terminated, then the following consequences shall arise. It
- 21 says what will happen.
- 22 "26.1. On the expiry date of the concession period,
- 23 the concessionaire" -- that is Correo Argentino S.A., the
- 24 private company -- "must turn over the service to the grantor
- 25 with all assets pertaining thereto."

- 1 THE COURT: The question is, what are the assets
- 2 pertaining thereto?
- 3 MR. GLEIZER: Correct. That's right. Now it is all
- 4 assets.
- 5 THE COURT: It doesn't say all assets. It says all

- 6 assets pertaining thereto.
- 7 MR. GLEIZER: That's correct, your Honor. Pertaining
- 8 thereto to what? That is to the service to the grantor, the
- 9 service that they are providing, which is the provision of
- 10 mailing services.
- 11 So we go to the bylaws of this company to see what
- 12 does it do.
- 13 THE COURT: Where are the bylaws?
- MR. GLEIZER: The bylaws, your Honor, are attached as
- 15 an exhibit to the declaration in Article 4 to the bylaws.
- THE COURT: Where are the bylaws, what exhibit?
- MR. GLEIZER: Exhibit E to the declaration, I believe,
- 18 your Honor. In the middle of the page, it says what is this
- 19 company. We notice two things, and I will get back to it,
- 20 number 3, the term of the company. The term of the company
- 21 will be 40 years, four-zero.
- 22 THE COURT: I don't see where you are reading.
- MR. GLEIZER: Page 2 of Exhibit E.
- 24 THE COURT: I have page 2.
- 25 MR. GLEIZER: In the middle of the page, your Honor, 45
- 1 it says number 3 under line "Article 3: Term."
- THE COURT: OK.
- 3 MR. GLEIZER: The term of the company will be 40 years
- 4 from its registration.

5 THE COURT: Right.

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- 6 MR. GLEIZER: There is another paper that shows that
- 7 registration was the same day that the decree granted the
- 8 concession. Will be for 40 years.
- 9 THE COURT: What company is this?
- 10 MR. GLEIZER: Correo, Correo Argintino, S.A., which I
- 11 called CASA, C-A-S-A.
- 12 THE COURT: When was this charter promulgated?
- MR. GLEIZER: The same day of the decree granting the
- 14 concession: August 25, I think, 1997.
- THE COURT: What does this have to do with the
- 16 interpretation of Article 26.1 of the concession?
- MR. GLEIZER: It has to do with the fact that it says
- 18 this is not a regular corporation that lasts forever. This is
- 19 a corporation that will last 40 years. Why is it 40 years? We
- 20 look at another exhibit I will find, the exhibit that shows
- 21 what are the terms and conditions of the bid under which they
- 22 won and they obtained the concession.
- THE COURT: I don't see that you are leading anywhere
- 24 that has to do with what information Ms. Bolatti has provided.
- 25 I don't see that this is leading anywhere.

- 1 MR. GLEIZER: The company is for 40 years because the
- 2 concession was for 40 years. This is a company that at Article
- 3 4, the following article, says that it has one sole purpose,

- 4 one sole purpose by law. The purpose of the corporation is to
- 5 provide a basic universal postal service and the ancillary
- 6 services. It has no other purpose. And it lasts exactly for
- 7 the period of the concession. The only purpose it has is to
- 8 provide the basic universal postal service and the ancillary
- 9 services.
- 10 THE COURT: May I interrupt you. I do see where you
- 11 are going. You are arguing that the only purpose of this
- 12 corporation Correo is to provide the postal service. So you
- 13 are saying that assets pertaining thereto would be all the
- 14 assets, right?
- MR. GLEIZER: That is one of the arguments, yes.
- THE COURT: When you are talking about handing over
- 17 assets, it is a question of fact. It is not inevitable under
- 18 the language of paragraph 26.1 that the assets pertaining
- 19 thereto have to include all the cash of the company. It is not
- 20 inevitable.
- 21 It is a question of fact, it seems to me. Under
- 22 Article 26.1 the republic might have required these bank
- 23 accounts to be handed over or they might not. The question is
- 24 what did they do. It seems to me that that is not something to
- 25 be resolved by an interpretation of the corporate charter or 47
- 1 the articles of incorporation which say what you said they say;
- 2 it is to be determined as a matter of fact.

- We have, it seems to me, a detailed body of
- 4 information that in fact these bank accounts were not turned
- 5 over. So I don't think that we can deal by implication. We
- 6 have to take the facts.
- 7 MR. GLEIZER: Your Honor, if I may?
- THE COURT: And you have the judge in the insolvency
- 9 court, who certainly is familiar with what is going on in his
- 10 proceeding.
- MR. GLEIZER: The insolvency judge, your Honor, tells
- 12 you and if you read the translation that the trustee has
- 13 presented, the insolvency judge does two things. He tells
- 14 you -
- 15 THE COURT: What exhibit is that now?
- 16 MR. GLEIZER: In Exhibit A, your Honor, if you can
- 17 find the translation. They have not put it on top, so it is
- 18 difficult to find. If I may, your Honor, in Exhibit A on page
- 19 1 of the translation, underlined in the original I guess, it
- 20 says this is what the judge is telling you with respect to
- 21 the situation: "It should be noted that such accounts do not
- 22 constitute attachable property of the Argentine republic
- 23 located in the United States."
- He is very clear. According to him, his opinion is
- 25 that they are not attachable property, they are property of the
- 1 Republic of Argentina.

- 2 THE COURT: No, no, no.
- 3 MR. GLEIZER: If I may finish, your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Please. If all that he said was telling
- 5 me about how to apply New York law, that would be one thing.
- 6 But look at page 2. He says CASA CASA is a shorthand for
- 7 Correo -- CASA's bank accounts were not transferred to the
- 8 Argentine government. Certainly he must know that. That is
- 9 not an interpretation of New York law.
- MR. GLEIZER: Your Honor, that's correct. The
- 11 accounts were not transferred. That is why we are trying to
- 12 move them. But they have to be transferred. If you notice,
- 13 the judge has already ordered two payments from these accounts,
- 14 one for \$2.5 million and for \$2.2 million. They have already
- 15 been transferred actually, if you want to talk fact, have
- 16 actually been transferred from the Lehman bank accounts, and
- 17 Lehman bank has provided the bank statements to the court and
- 18 to counsel, and they were provided.
- 19 If your Honor would like, I can give my copy. It
- 20 says, "On December 24th and on December 23rd the funds wired to
- 21 Banco Nacional Antilogorio Official Unidad Administrativa, that
- 22 is the administrative unit created by the president of
- 23 Argentina to administer the Argentinian assets. It was already
- 24 transferred.
- This is not the only factual basis I have. The judge

- 1 in Argentina says the account names have not been transferred,
- 2 but the funds yes.
- 3 THE COURT: Just a minute. Those transfers --
- 4 MS. BOLATTI: Your Honor, may I?
- 5 THE COURT: This was not really sort of like an
- 6 appropriation by the government, I don't think
- 7 MR. BLACKMAN: No, it was not.
- 8 MR. GLEIZER: May I, your Honor?
- 9 MR. BLACKMAN: It was a transfer to pay the wages of
- 10 Correo's employees. The reason the bankruptcy judge ordered it
- 11 in Argentina is that under Section 26.3 of the concession
- 12 agreement Correo is required to pay those wages and benefits up
- 13 to the time, that accrued up to the time of the handover of
- 14 service. That is why the bankruptcy judge ordered those
- 15 moneys.
- THE COURT: Those payments were passed?
- MR. BLACKMAN: Yes. These are wages before decree
- 18 1075 and the bankruptcy judge ordered them to be sent to
- 19 Argentina and the administrative unit which now is the employer
- 20 of those people since the handover, in turn used those moneys
- 21 to pay.
- THE COURT: But before, past employee obligations.
- 23 MR. BLACKMAN: Exactly, your Honor. The money did not
- 24 go one penny to the Republic of Argentina.
- 25 THE COURT: For current operations?

- MR. BLACKMAN: Absolutely not. Absolutely not. That
- 2 is what the bankruptcy judge said, that is what the trustee
- 3 said. It really is quite unseemly for Mr. Gleizer to --
- 4 THE COURT: Don't get into that.
- 5 MR. GLEIZER: If I may, your Honor. At this time I am
- 6 filing and serving the proof showing that it is untrue,
- 7 absolutely untrue, that those moneys went to pay past salaries.
- 8 In the documents, it is difficult to see because you have to go
- 9 step by step. I am filing something for the Court to look at
- 10 and for counsel to see.
- Maybe, there is a possibility that 70, 75 percent of
- 12 the 4.7 million were used for salaries. But there is the
- 13 certainty that between 20 and 25 percent of the 4.7 million
- 14 went for future salaries.
- THE COURT: The 4.7 million is the total amount in the
- 16 account or what?
- MR. GLEIZER: No. The part they already took out, 2.5
- 18 plus 2.2.
- 19 Your Honor, if you allow me for a second to try to
- 20 paint the big picture here. What happened was this. Correo
- 21 Argentino, S.A. went into bankruptcy in 2001, over one year
- 22 before the rescission of this money, went into the bankruptcy
- 23 proceeding. They were in the bankruptcy proceeding. The whole
- 24 bankruptcy proceeding thing, there is the trustee, there is

- 25 Correo Argentino, S.A., and there is the administrative unit in 51
- 1 front of the Argentinian judge.
- 2 They are doing like anybody anywhere else does, deals,
- 3 they are making deals. Yes, it says here we will give you
- 4 everything. But wait with those accounts in New York. Wait
- 5 with those accounts in New York. These are big amounts of
- 6 money, like \$11 million.
- 7 THE COURT: How much did you tie up?
- 8 MR. GLEIZER: \$11 million, approximately. 9.5 in
- 9 Lehman Brothers and 1.5 in Paribas.
- They make deals. They make deals. Give me the money
- 11 now, wait a little bit, we are going up on appeal. Factually,
- 12 as your Honor says, my opinion is that this whole bankruptcy
- 13 proceeding has nothing to tell you.
- 14 However, the judge in the bankruptcy proceeding is
- 15 constantly saying and there is an argument, and I will show
- 16 you what Black's Law Dictionary says, that shows that the judge
- 17 in the bankruptcy proceeding has consistently held,
- 18 consistently held, Correo Argentino, S.A. has no assets.
- 19 Notably, on February 11, when, as counsel was saying,
- 20 the appellate court reversed and put it back in the liquidation
- 21 system, CASA appeared before the judge and told the judge,
- 22 well, Judge, now we are back in business, we don't have
- 23 anything except those \$11 million in New York, give them back

- 24 to me.
- What did this judge say in the February 11 decision 52
- I which is attached to the papers? What did the judge say? Yes,
- 2 you are sent back, but you have no assets. And it says in
- 3 black and white --
- 4 THE COURT: Who said you have no assets?
- 5 MR. GLEIZER: The judge, the judge that sent you this
- 6 letter. You have no assets.
- 7 The judge is very careful, Judge Favier Dubois is very
- 8 careful to tell you that the accounts are in Correo Argentino,
- 9 S.A.'s name. That is true. We are not disputing that. But he
- 10 tells you this is not nonattachable property of Argentina.
- Why is it nonattachable? He agrees this is property
- 12 of Argentina. But why is it nonattachable?
- THE COURT: Where does he agree that it is property of
- 14 Argentina?
- MR. GLEIZER: In the underlying part, your Honor, of
- 16 his letter, in the translation Exhibit A, he says -
- MS. BOLATTI: Your Honor, all that says is they do not
- 18 constitute property of Argentina.
- MR. GLEIZER: Read it, your Honor. "These said
- 20 accounts do not constitute attachable" --
- 21 THE COURT: Where are you reading?
- MR. GLEIZER: Page 1 of attached Exhibit A in the

- 23 translation, your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: We have seen that before.
- 25 MR. GLEIZER: Yes.

- 1 THE COURT: It says it is not attachable property.
- 2 That is not a meaningful statement, because that is up to me to
- 3 decide under New York law. I thought you were saying that the
- 4 insolvency judge said several times that Correo has no assets.
- 5 MR. GLEIZER: Yes, your Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: Did he ever say that the bank accounts up
- 7 here are the property of the republic?
- 8 MR. GLEIZER: I believe that by implication he said
- 9 it, because in two opportunities he took the money, and at
- 10 least 25 percent of that money was used to pay salaries for the
- 11 future.
- MS. BOLATTI: Your Honor, may I respond?
- 13 THE COURT: One at a time. How do we know it is for
- 14 the future?
- MR. GLEIZER: I just served it and I am filing with
- 16 the Court. You have to look at these things, at several
- 17 exhibits at the same time. It is a long process. Basically,
- 18 what it is is --
- MR. BLACKMAN: This is no evidence. This is another
- 20 declaration of Mr. Gleizer. There is not a single new
- 21 document.